

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 20 were pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 6 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-20 remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter:

In the Office Action of October 20, 2006, the Examiner indicated that Claims 6 and 15 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of claim 6, and has amended claim 10 to incorporate the features of claim 15. Accordingly, for at least the reasons given by the Examiner, Applicant submits that claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-20 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-95501/EAH.

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